

# NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CLINICAL EXCELLENCE

## DIAGNOSTICS ASSESSMENT PROGRAMME

### Equality impact assessment – Scoping

#### Computed tomography (CT) scanners for cardiac imaging – Somatom Definition Flash, Aquilion One, Brilliance iCT and Discovery CT750 HD

The impact on equality has been assessed during this assessment according to the principles of the NICE Equality scheme.

1. Have any potential equality issues been identified during the scoping process (scoping workshop discussion, assessment subgroup discussion), and, if so, what are they?

It has been noted that the data used to validate the coronary calcium scoring method was collected from a Caucasian population. Caution should be taken when making treatment decisions based on calcium scoring in a non-Caucasian patient.

2. What is the preliminary view as to what extent these potential equality issues need addressing by the Committee?

The included patient population of those with suspected or known CAD who are difficult or impossible to image using convention 64-slice CT imaging are unlikely to have treatment or further test decisions based on the results of calcium scoring. As such, this potential equality issue does not need addressing by the Committee.

3. Has any change to the draft scope been agreed to highlight potential equality issues?

Section 6 of the scope describes the potential equality issue added to the draft scope following the scoping workshop.

4. Have any additional stakeholders related to potential equality issues been identified during the scoping process, and, if so, have changes to the stakeholder list been made?

No stakeholders additional to those already included on the list were identified.

**Approved by Associate Director (name): Nick Crabb**

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